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SUBJECT: ECOSOC - COMMITTEE ON HOUSING, BUILDING
AND PLANNING

AFTER A LATE OPENING DUE TO ABSENCE OF BULGARIAN
DELEGATE WHO WAS TO SERVE AS CHAIRMAN, EIGHTH
SESSION OF COMMITTEE ON HOUSING, BUILDING AND
PLANNING (HBP) HAS MOVED SLOWLY. AGENDA ITEMS 3 AND 4
DEALING WITH WORLD HOUSING SURVEY AND HBP IN
DDII HAVE CREATED SHARP ATTACKS BY SOME DELEGATIONS
ABOUT THE QUALITY OF CENTER'S INFORMATION AND
REPORTING. USSR DEL PLANS TO TABLE RES RECOMMENDING
THAT PORTION OF 10 PERCENT REDUCTION IN ARMAMENTS
(SUGGESTED BY GROMYKO AT UNGA) BE PUT INTO
CONSTRUCTION OF HOUSES, HOSPITALS AND SCHOOLS.
AGENDA ITEM 5 - A AND B -- CRITICISM OF THIS REPORT
WAS SO EXTENSIVE THAT A WORKING GROUP HAS BEEN
ESTABLISHED TO PROVIDE GUIDELINES FOR FUTURE REPORTS ON
BOTH MULTILATERAL AND BILATERAL ASSISTANCE. SOME
CIRTICISM OF CENTER UNJUSTIFIED SINCE SEVERAL DONOR
COUNTRIES DID NOT RESPOND TO QUESTIONNAIRE. SOME
RESPONDENTS BECAUSE OF FRAGMENTATION OF TA PROGRAMS
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SUBMITTED ONLY PORTIONS OF THEIR TOTAL ASSISTANCE

BUDGETS.

AGENDA ITEM 6- UNEP DEPUTY DIRECTOR (FROSCH) SPOKE TO COMMITTEE ON THE ROLE OF AGENCY IN THE FIELD OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS. SPEECH WAS AN ELABORATION OF GA RES 2999, 2998, AND 3001 (XXVII). FROSCH PRESENTATION CREATED SOME ANXIETY IN COMMITTEE ABOUT ROLE OF HBP CENTER AT VANCOUVER CONFERENCE. CONCLUDING THAT ROLE WAS NOT CLEAR, COMMITTEE DECIDED, AT SUGGESTION OF SEC., TO SEND A RES DIRECTLY TO SECOND COMMITTEE OF GA XXVIII RECOMMENDING THAT BECAUSE OF ITS LONG HISTORY IN FIELD OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS AND ITS WORK IN IMPORTANT AREAS RELATING TO THE QUALITY OF LIFE, THE CENTER BE GIVEN A MAJOR SUBSTANTIVE ROLE IN THE VANCOUVER CONFERENCE. THE RES IS BEING FORWARDED TO THE DEPARTMENT.BASSIN

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